WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS SUPREME RELEASED THROUGH Fox Film CORPORATION

Today at the Olympic theatre, William Fox presents Jewell Carmen in "The Kingdom of Love."

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METRO PICTURES

Wednesday—Metro presents Harold Lockwood in "The Avenging Trail." —Olympic theatre

CORPORAL LEAR NOT IN HANDS OF ARMY GUARDS

On behalf of Corporal George F. Lear of Monessen, this paper wishes to make a correction. It was published in the Pittsburgh papers and elsewhere that Corporal Lear was charged with the high crime of being a deserter of the national army and was therefore listed for court martial trial. Last week while at camp, the editor visited with Mr. Lear among other Monessen boys and he was not under surveillance of any kind. No knowledge of any trouble was hinted at while the writer was at Camp Lee, or thereabouts, and Mr. Lear wishes us to correct this false and damaging report that has been circulated. In a letter to this paper today Mr. Lear explains how this story was started. While home on a furlough he was taken suddenly ill with hernia and had to be removed to the Monongahela hospital where he underwent an operation but when he reported, he was promptly excused for having absented himself on account of conditions over which he had no control.

Mr. Lear is one of the brave young men of Monessen who has been in training several months and stands ready and willing to cross the seas to uphold the dignity and honor of the American flag. As soon as the official exhoneration comes from Washington this paper will be glad to give its space, and further assure the people of this community that Corp. Lear has been grossly misrepresented.

HEY, THERE!

The attention of this city and every other city in the land is called to the following official document which will be enforced during the war:

Washington, Feb. 25—Road construction during the war, unless of direct aid in winning the war—has been classed by the government as "non-essential" and is taboo. And if such a road is to be built by a bond issue, it will have to wait until peace times. This is the word from the capital issues committee of the treasury department. No security issued will be o. k'd. for un-essential road construction, it was formally announced. The war finance corporation bill now before congress will empower th committee—or a similar committee to enforce its rulings. Highway construction has been classed with rivers and harbors improvements—in certain instances necessary as a war measure, but generally to be deferred.

This applies to street paving and street improving within city limits. The desire is to put a stop to the demands for labor and material until the war is over. Why then should Monessen maintain a normally expensive street department during the war? A budget of approximately $17,000 is too much money to levy upon the people of the town this year. Cut this one department $7,000 a year during the war. There will be no construction work of any kind, no expansion and all that will be permitted, or that will be wanted during the war will be the washing and cleaning of the streets and the minor repairs. A budget of $10,000 we maintain is sufficient for this department. Some other departments might be cut also, and the money thus saved can be used for prosecuting the war. Conservation of finances should be the civic watchword.

HUNDREDS PAY TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING SOLDIERS

Saturday, February 23rd will go down in history as another memorable day on account of the contribution of additional young men to the national army from District No. 8 of Westmoreland county. Forty-three men were entrained here for Camp Lee on a special train that reached here at 5:15. A great crowd assembled at the station, beginning long before the hour for the train to arrive. All of the men called reported and the program was nicely carried out. The exemption board was present and the roll was called just as the train arrived. Hundreds of people bade farewell to the young men who have so bravely answered the country's call. They go to Camp Lee to be assigned to whatever duties await them.

The reception was given last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Board of Trade. As they boarded the train they presented the best aspect of young manhood this community has produced and they were given a great ovation on their long difficult mission

Prof. Edouard Deru at High School Tonight at 8 o'clock.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PLAN RECEPTION

Arrangements are being completed for the grand tournoi and reception of McKean Commandery No. 89, Knights Templar of Charleroi, to be held March 22 in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. The total receipts of the affair will be turned over to the Red Cross. The auditorium is being appropriated fitted for the affair and it will be decorated in the national colors and various Masonic emblematic designs. The program includes a grand march, dancing and a Hooverized luncheon.

The committee is in charge of Carl M Wertz, chairman; Thomas C. McKinley, E. C. Robertson, Harry P. Jacobs, Andrew Ehenhoch, Harry R. Frye and George Leach. Prominent knights from Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Monessen, Brownsville, Donora, Uniontown an dother places are expected to attend in large numbers. The various Monongahela chapters are giving co-operation.

Death of Infant

John, the three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kovalik of Braddock avenue, died Sunday. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday. Interment in Grandview cemetery.

DRYS WILL HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS

Acting in behalf of the Dry Federation of Pennsylvania, the Rev. John Royal Harris of Pittsburgh, its state superintendent, assisted by the Re J. E. Miller, inaugurated a series of Washington county meetings at Monongahela yesterday, for the purpose of enlisting interest in the campaign now in progress by the federation to elect a "dry" majority in the next Pennsylvania legislature, to insure the ratification of the national prohibition amendment

In the morning Dr. Harris preached church, in the afternoon in the Charleroi High school building and returned to Monongahela in the evening and preached in the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. Miller likewise held three services in Washington, the morning one being in the First United Presbyterian church, the afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. and the evening in the Third United Presbyterian church.

Dr. Harris' schedule for the week follows: Monday evening, Washington Y. M. C. A; Tuesday evening, West Alexander; Wednesday at noon, Canonsburg, and Linden in the evening; Thursday, McDonald in the afternoon, Burgettstown in the evening. During the week Rev. Miller will address meetings at Monongahela, Donora, California, Hickory and Avella.

—Pauline, the five months old daughter of Mr and Mrs Anton Matusak of 231 Rostraver street, died Sunday of convulsions. The funeral was held today at 11 o'clock. Interment in Grandview cemetery.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER VERY SICK

Doctor Samuel G. Dixon, commissioner of health, is seriously ill in the University Hospital of Philadelphia. Doctor Dixon was on one of his trips of inspection of the state's sanatoria last summer, when he was stricken while at Mont Alto. He remained there several weeks and later recovered sufficiently to go to his home at Bryn Mawr.

During his illness, covering in all, about six months, Doctor Dixon has been in daily touch with his office and ha seach week written his little "Talks on Health" in whch he is so much interested.

For the present however, his physicians have requested him to conserve his strength, feeling that the writing of these "Talks" taken with his many other necessary duties was not fair to the treatment, and as a consequence, the Weekly Talks will be discontinued until his health has sufficiently improved to permit his resuming the work without unduly taxing his strength.

—Thomas Bates of Sixth street, is in a critical condition, having been confined to his home for several weeks with heart affection.

CHIEF RILEY EXTENDS FIREMEN'S APPRECIATION OF CHECK

Firemen Grateful for Spirit of Co-operation Shown by Public.

On behalf of the Volunteer Fire department I wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to Gen. Supt. Geo. A. Paff of the Page Steel and Wire Company for the substantial check sent us for the services of our department at the recent fire at that industry

It is a pleasure to render a service voluntarily and without remuneration when those who render such service feel and know that their efforts are appreciated. The support of the public we have received has made it possible to keep our organization in fighting spirit at all times. Our ambition is to be surpassed by none, and it is with the unselfish support of the people that this will be made possible. Many of our men have been called into army service and we have had to hake reinforcements to keep up to normal numbers and interest, but our citizens are as willing to help us as our men are to help win the war, and we are having no trouble whatever

Again thanking Supt. Paff and the Page Steel and Wire company on behalf of all the firemen, I remain,

William D. Riley,
Chief Volunteer Firemen.

Entertained Friends

—Mr and Mrs. R. W. Lang Sr. entertained a number of guests at a dinner party last evening at their home in Belle Vernon in honor of R. W. Lang Jr., who is leaving today for Rockford, Ill., where he will be in training. Guests were present from Belle Vernon, Charleroi and Monessen.

A Popular Police Officer Passes Away

Henry Miller Altman, a member of the Greensburg police department, was buried Saturday afternoon, having been stricken with penumonia a few days before. "Dixie," as he was familiarly known, had been a member of the force about six years. Deceased was well known to many Monessen people, especially members of the local force, and his death comes as a surprise.

Officer Altman is the second member of the Greensburg force to be taken by death during the past three months, Sergt. John B. McQuaide having died in November.

Will of Mrs. Scanlon

—The will of Mrs. Mary Scanlon, late of Monessen, has been filed in the office of the Register of Wills at Greensburg. Edward Nixon, neprew of the deceased, is named as sole legatee, after funeral expenses are deducted. He was also named executor. The estate is valued at $1,400.

Take it Out

Take out a corn. If you only could—the pain would be forced to quit. It can be done. Try OUR CORN REMEDY. Three or four applications and the corn coms out on the end of your finger nail. Don't you think that is worth considering?

KIRK'S DRUG STORE
W. P. Kirk
4th & Donner 6th & Reed

Star Theatre

TODAY—Anita King in a rollicking play of the prairie country, entitled "The Girl Angel," also a side splitting Mack Sennett comedy.

TUESDAY—Geraldine Farrar, the famous prima donna, in the stupendous spectacle "The Woman God Forgot." The same cast and the same scenes are enacted that were seen in "Joan the Woman, which had extended runs at the world's largest theatres. Thousands of people, horses and spectacular battle scenes make "The Woman God Forgot" one of the most massive pictures ever produced.

How Many Men are Robbed

because they carry a considerable sum of currency with them? This is an unwise practice. Remember, payment by check is safe, convenient and economical—it removes risk of theft.

Checking accounts, large or small are invited.

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Every home that has a talking machine should have one of these records.

Columbia Grafonola

A-2473 10 in. 75c
Liberty Bell. (Mohr.) Peerless quartette. Orchestra accompaniment.
Do Something. (Laska.) Arthur Fields, baritone. Orchestra accompaniment.

A-2471 10 in. 75c
There is a Green Hill Out in Flanders. (Flynn.) Campbell and Burr, tenor duet. Orchestra accompaniment.
That's a Mother's Liberty Loan. (Mayo, Tally and Gaskill.) Greek Evans, baritone. Orchestra accompaniment.

A-2159 10 in. 75c
I'll Take You Back to Italy. (Berlin.) Elizabeth Brice, soprano, and Charles King, tenor. Orchestra accompaniment.
My Heart's Tonight in Old New Hampshire. (Sterling and Lange.) Campbell and Burr, tenor duet. Orchestra accompaniment.

A-2160 10 in. 75c
Calicoco. (Frey.) Fox-trot. Joseph C. Smith and his orchestra.
Sweet Child. (Ewing and Stovall.) Introducing "Pallett on the Floor." (Pace and Handy.) One-step. Handy's orchestra of Memphis.

A-6016 12 in. $1.25
Sally Down Our Alley. Introducing "Oh, you Sweetie." (Romberg and Timberg.) From "Doing our Bit" at the New York Winter Garden. Medley Fox-trot. Jockers Brothers, violin and piano duet.
They Go Wild, Simply Wild Over Me. Introducing (1) "Pull the Cork out of Erin." (2) "Sweet Evangeline of Old Arcady" (3) "Daniel in the Lion's Den." (Fisher.) Medley One-Step. Jockers Brothers, violin and piano duet.

American Talking Machine Co.
249 Schoonmaker Ave. Monessen

Olympic Theatre

TODAY—You can bank on both star and story, it's a Wm Fox production with Jewel Carmen, the radiant beauty in "The Kingdom of Love," a story of the golden west, where crawny men and fair women were shuttled as balls in the bogatelle of fate and when life was a bargain price.

TUESDAY—Douglas Fairbanks in one of his fine productions and a Keystone comedy.

TUESDAY—William S. Hart in "The Apostle of Vengeance."

WEDNESDAY—Everybody's favorite, Harold Lockwood in a remarkable characterization of the vigorous hero in the powerful story of the lumber camps of the great white north, "The Avenging Trail." a Metro wonderplay of adventure in 5 acts, adapted from Henry Ayers' novel "Gaston Olaf."

Noted Boston Beauty
SPECIALIST NOW AT
Monessen Drug Store

Miss Mae Marshall, Boston's noted Beauty Specialist will lecture and demonstrate the Harmony Treatment for Skin and Scalp, all this week at Craig's.

In addition to the lectures at the store Miss Marshall will call on any lady, at her home during the week. During her call she will give a face message without charge and also valuable advice in regard to the care of the skin and scalp not obtainable at a beauty shop

A message left at Craig's Drug store or a phone call to 2-6 will insure a visit from Miss Marshall during her stay in Monessen.

STRIVE TO WIN

At whatever task you are engaged, strive to win. Remember that economy, saving and safe investment are important factors in reaching the goal of success. Start an account with us and be prepared.

4% Interest Paid on Savings Accounts.

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New Spring Suits!

Stein Bloch
.. and...
Fashion Make

Also New

SPRING HATS

have arrived

SEE THE NEW KNAPP FELT STYLES

THE U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATOR SAYS—
Why Not Send Corn to Europe?

We cannot ship them corn because they have not enough mills to grind and are short with its use as food. Even if they knew how to use corn meal it is not suitable for transportation as it is so liable to spoiling. The nations rye, barley, etc., that we send them will not support them unless mixed with wheat.

We Must Send Them More Wheat and to do it

We Must Eat Less Wheat Bread.

Meyers' Store

NO DEAD ONES HERE
Brown's Jewelry Store

Liveliest in the country, has added another Live one to their already efficient force. "Mainspring" Springer has taken charge of the Watch Repair Department. He guarantees all Repairs, Promptness and courtesy. Come in and give him the once over. Watch regulated without charge.

Spring Shirts Are Here

COME IN AND SEE THEM WHILE THE ASSORTMENT IS COMPLETE. PATTERNS OF EVERY SORT, FABRICS OF EVERY KIND: SOFT CUFFS, STIFF CUFFS, ALL STYLES. ALL GUARANTEED FOR PERFECT FIT, ABSOLUTE COMFORT AND LONG WEAR.

Madras and Percales $1.00 to $3.00
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REPUBLICAN IN POLITICS

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READING NOTICES: Five cents per line each insertion.

Legal Notices: Ten cents per line first insertion and five cents per line for each subsequent insertion

The Independent circulates in the homes of the workingmen throughout the entire upper Monongahela valley.

BOYS' THRIFT STAMP CAMPAIGN

The Boy Scout organization of 350,000 members has been enlisted to sell United States thrift stamps. Wherever there is a troop of Scouts, the khaki clad youngsters with eager faces will be knocking at the door. Trying to persuade people to practice thrift will help them do it themselves. They will not be such patrons of the penny in the slot machines.

The Liberty bond campaign has so far touched only a minority of the households of the country. The war thrift stamps should help many millions to co-operate. Their boys have gone to the front, and they should be glad to have a little money to help supply them. They would suffer the most if Germany should win the war. For our government would then be forced to maintain a great standing army to defend ourselves against the German attack that would be threatened

The effect of this stamp campaign upon the boys themselves is also important. It is a training in doing civic work. The great trouble with us is that too few have been trained to community work. We expect that other people will carry on the public enterprises, while we sit back and criticize. If a generation of boys could come along who have been trained to do public work, they would do greater things than their fathers.

The services being rendered by the Boy Scouts in these public causes show the great value of boy organization. There should be a troop of Scouts in every village and city district. Where such troops do not exist. other organizations like Sunday school classes and clubs should volunteer to help the Thrift stamp campaign. Everyone in Monessen who has not subscribed to a Liberty bond should buy stamps, and it would be a fine thing if all the Liberty bond buyers could take hold too, to encourage the boys.

TWO TYPES OF MERCHANTS

In every community you will find some merchants who would never consider any kind of an advertising proposition. It is a matter of temperament and grows out of a man's personal characteristics, not from business circumstances or local conditions.

It is the nature of some men to take what comes naturally and let the rest go. They are built on the "Let well enough alone" policy. Thy run along in the same rut year after year. These people rarely advertise. It is not the desire of this paper to say a word against them. Many of them are very honorable, faithful and reliable men. But they lack the spirit of enterprise and hustle, without which no business can permanently hold its grip in these times.

Other men are always reaching out for bigger and better things. They are not satisfied with holding the same trade year after year. They are always reaching out for more. The newspaper does not have to use any long winded arguments to convince such men about advertising. They believe in it already. The only thing necessary is for the solicitor to convince them that his particular proposition is sound and worth the money he asks

The advertising merchant is the best one for the public to patronize, because of the temper and characteristics revealed by the fact that he does advertise. This shows that he is not satisfied with things as they always were. The same spirit of enterprise that urges him to seek new trade by advertising, leads him to seek better bargains, higher values, and more satisfactory service.

So if our readers wish to know what merchants can fairly be expected to give them the most for their money, in quality, style, service and price, they can do no better than to make up a list of the merchants that advertise in the Independent.

BUILDING AIRPLANES

Perhaps the biggest mechanical problem of the war has been the construction of a great force of aircraft. It was practically new work. We had realized the necessity of warships and had a start on the manufacture of artillery and small arms. But we had only fooled with aircraft and all in a moment we were called on to build them by the 10,000

Immediately a vast force of workers who knew nothing about planes had to be assembled and drilled. A lot of new problems arose. A typical one was that of lubricants. ..Not one of the standard oils in use in our factories would go for the high speed Liberty motor. One single exception was the lubricant derived from castor oil beans. Unfortunately the growing of these beans is discontinued here, owing to a cheaper substitute from India. While the industry is being re-established here, it was necessary to depend on cargoes rushed from India.

The covering for the wings has to be Irish linen, the best fabric in the world, since it is light and strong and will not rip like cotton when pierced by bullets. The supply gave out. but under the direction of the British government. the Irish crop is hoped to be sufficient. The public has already been warned to go slow on purchases of linen, as certain qualities of it are imperatively needed for aircraft.

EDITORIALETTES

The German lie factory hasn't had any workless Mondays.

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It is about time for some of these workers in the shipyards to fish, cut bait or go ashore.

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The Germans are now blowing about the blow they are going to strike on the West front.

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It is denied that the shipbuilders don't believe in patriotism, as they are getting double wages out of it.

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A large number of people have agreed to observe Lent by giving up the things their neighbors like to do.

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The Germans in the trenches opposite the Americans are beginning to feel like the squirrels the day after the close season is off.

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It is admitted by the German papers that the Americans will have six regiments of troops and three aeroplanes in France by next Christmas.

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Although the meat packers claim they have a hard time to meet the expenses of business, no one has started a tag day to relieve their necessities.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes —Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results.

Thousands of women as well as men take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the successful substitute for calomel—now and then just to keep in the pink of condition. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

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The cost is nothing compared to the pleasure
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Edouard Deru, violinist, who will appear at the High school auditorium, Feb 25 under the auspices of the Junior Red Cross

Increased Rates in Norway.

Commercial Attache Erwin W. Thompson reports from Copenhagen, Denmark, that freight and passenger tariffs have been increased from time to time in Norway since the war began, amounting now in all to 80 per cent for first class passengers, 60 per cent for third class passengers, and 100 per cent for all freights except foods and fertilizers.

We carry a large assortment of finished Granite and Marble Monuments and invite you to visit our display room and give us an opportunity to quote you prices Having purchased a large stock before the prices advanced we are in a position to give the best price.

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M. T. CROWLEY

Marble and Granite Works
325 McKean Ave. Charleroi.

GINSENG MARKET IN CHINA

Depression in Business Reported Past Year, Sale of the Root Being Much Below Normal.

The market for ginseng in Hongkong and the China field generally is depressed, and dealers look for little revival in the trade until well toward Chinese New Year. Usually there is a quickening in the trade as cool weather comes on, but so far the past year, and in spite of the high exchange value of silver which ought to stimulate the trade, the sale of the root has been much below normal, says Consul General George E. Anderson, Hongkong. Arrivals have been below normal and the demand has not kept pace with the supply. An auction of a lot of American root on consignment recently brought fair prices. Two days later a similar lot of as good if not better root sold for little more than half the price brought by the first lot, and private sales made later were on a still lower level. Uncertain political conditions in the interior of China are given as the chief reason for the present slump in demand, but uncertain financial conditions due to the export of silver and copper coinage from the provinces as well as the existence of piracy and other disorders in some districts have also had material influence.

Sales have been irregular and the market may improve at any time. The root on hand of course will get the benefit of the improvement, while that held in the United States will probably arrive too late to secure full returns. The ginseng business and all similar lines of trade in China are in an uncertain state and little reliance can be placed upon the continuance of any conditions.

FEED FROM FISH AND OFFAL

Material Produced in Form of Meal Believed Valuable for Both Swine and Cattle.

A factory has been started at Ymuiden, at the entrance to the North sea Canal, for transmuting the least desirable fish and fish offal into a satisfactory food for swine, writes Consul Frank W. Mahin, Amsterdam, Netherlands. This is considered of double importance—it feeds the swine and also frees articles (maize, for example) usually fed to swine for other purposes, even for human food.

Spoiled fish have been fed to swine, but with bad effect on the taste of the pork. The new factory, it is stated, makes a "vischmeel" (literally, fish meal) from the material it uses, which product, analysis shows, contains 55 per cent albumen and 12 per cent fat, and also realizes an oil that after suitable purification, could be used in competition with cod-liver oil, or in any case could be very useful as an industrial oil

It is suggested that besides feeding swine with this new product it be tried with cattle, as a possible aid in the serious situation which now exists in regard to feeding live stock

The new factory is considered of great importance in scientific circles, and hope is expressed that the government as well as the general public will give it earnest support as a matter of national concern.

Smelt Fishing in New Brunswick.

The smelt fishing season recently opened on the Northumberland strait shores of New Brunswick. Returns show that in the Miramichi district, at and near Chatham, both quality and quantity of fish have been disappointing The fishermen there are receiving about ten cents a pound while at Rexton and Richibucto, in Kent county, it is reported they have received as much as 15 cents; the average price is not above 12 cents.

In the recently proclaimed embargo on the export from the Dominion of certain food products, fresh frozen fish is included, but when destined for the United States shipments in fair average quantities are permitted to go forward under indorsement by collectors of customs at ports of exit.

The export of smelts from the Moncton consular district during the 1916-17 season, as shown by consular invoices certified was 957,989 pounds, valued at $93,805.

JAPAN ISSUES NEW CURRENCY

Fractional Amounts in Paper Money, Relieving a Great Need, Now in Circulation.

Two recent steps taken by the Japanese government illustrate the difficulties attendant upon the use of subsidiary coin whose metal value is comparatively close to its mint value, states Commerce Reports. Announcement was made recently that paper fractional currency would be issued to the amount of 30,000,000 yen ($14,940,000). Early in November a portion of this issue was put in circulation. The new notes are exchangeable for regular bank notes and are legal tender up to ten yen ($4.98).

More recently the Japanese government has announced three prizes of 1,000 yen, 500 yen and 300 yen for the best designs submitted for a new silver 50-sen piece (24.9 cents). The new coin is to be materially smaller than the one now in circulation.

The present 50-sen piece is 80 per cent pure and weighs 2.7 monme (0.3375 ounce troy). The coin, therefore, contains 0.2604 ounce of pure silver and 0.0651 ounce of copper. At par the money value of the coin is 24.925 cents. This corresponds to 95.7 cents per ounce troy if the value of the copper is disregarded.

For a considerable period the excess of the bullion value over the mint value made it profitable to melt Japanese subsidiary coin or ship it to China. The country, as a consequence became denuded of small change, and it was and is extremely difficult to get money changed except through money changers at comparatively high rates. It was no unusual thing to pay ten sen, or even more, to exchange a five-yen note; and in that case the buyer would receive four one-yen notes and only the fraction less than a yen in subsidiary coin.

From the Past

By WINIFRED LEE

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Bartley Paine cherished the secret of a dark spot in his life. It was not ever present, for as the years went by its shadow lessened and, he hoped, would eventually vanish into the obscurity of permanent forgetfulness

It was ten years agone when, a youth of eighteen employed as cashier by John Howe, a distant relative, that he had been speciously persuaded by two fellow clerks to borrow two thousand dollars from the funds of the house. They had shown him that they had "a tip" where that amount invested in a certain stock would quadruple in twenty-four hours Bartley provided the money. The entire investment was lost, the two scamps fled and the next morning, a wretched but sincere penitent, Bartley went to his relative and confessed all.

"Leave my service, go and settle this matter with my lawyer and let me never see your face again!" pronounced John Howe sternly

Robert Wiley, that lawyer! To his dying day Bartley would never forget him He was a sinister being, with a chin like a hook and a nose like a beak.

"You will first sign a written confession of your crime," the elfish barrister had said.

"But I have already told Mr Howe of my misstep," said Bartley humbly

"It won't do; a signed confession, or go away and let the law take its course."

Bartley shivered, but assented. "As to the money," he said, "if you will allow me I will stay right here, get a new position and work till I have earned enough to pay the score"

"Very good," nodded the lawyer

At the end of four years Bartley's spirits were high when he placed the last of the misapplied money before Mr. Wiley.

"And the interest?" intimated the latter.

"You will find it included," said Bartley, almost resentfully, to this human leech "Now, then, won't you kindly hand me back the confession?"

"I am instructed by Mr Howe to retain that," said the lawyer. "He will hold it over you as a Damocles sword to guarantee your future good conduct"

"Why, this is positively inhuman!" cried Bartley.

"Instructions," responded the lawyer "See that you go straight"

Then Bartley went to another city and tried to forget the power he had left in those seemingly evil hands He prospered quite fairly in a new position He met Lucille Driscoll—courtship, marriage, happiness She idolized him as a model lover and husband She believed him the most worthy of men. He winced when he thought of that dark spot in his early life, but he could not hurt her pure spirit by revealing the truth

And now the black shadow had suddenly, blightingly come down upon his life. It was the birthday of their child, little Bertram, aged six. They were to have a quiet family celebration and Bartley had secretly deposited a package containing gifts on the front porch, had started around the house to enter by a side door, when he came to a startled halt and stood rock rooted. His heart seemed to cease its throbbings, his brain was turned to lead, for there, in the cozy parlor, seated opposite his wife, was—Robert Wiley!

To the exaggerated mentality of Bartley it seemed as though a destroying demon had invaded the peace and sanctity of an earthly paradise There was the old specious, wily smirk on the goblin face, the old cruel, piercing glare of the eyes Oh, at last his sin was to be brought home to him Only to torment, to blackmail, to ruin him, could this specter of the past have thus invaded his home!

For an instant Bartley thought of flight. Could he ever face his wife if the past was revealed to her? He actually turned to leave the spot, when little Bertram came around the house, discovering him.

"Oh, mamma!" he shouted. "Here is papa, now!" seized his hand and pulled him into the house.

"A visitor, Bartley," spoke Mrs Paine, arising and leaving the room, and Bartley faced his Nemesis

To his amazement Wiley grasped his hand. "Ah, Paine," he spoke chirpingly. "You are looking well—and doing well, eh? I came on a matter of business Mr. Howe died last month."

"Yes, I heard of it," nodded Paine.

"He has left you half his fortune. You are a rich man. I advised it. You see, Paine, it is I who, under his instructions, have kept trace of your every movement for ten years So no one knew better than I your noble fight to redeem the past. You thought him an ogre and I your evil genius, but we were human, all the same. I would like to have you call at my hotel this evening and close up your interest in the estate."

Bartley Paine stood like one in a dream after the lawyer had left. He could not realize it all. A light form glided to his side. It was Lucille.

"Bartley," she whispered, "I knew of your trouble in the past all the time. I married you knowing it. I trusted you, knowing it, and loved you more and more as you nobly redeemed yourself. The shadow has lifted forever, my husband! Let us never again think of aught but the sunshine of life which has come to us at last."

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HIS LAST DIME

By JACK LAWTON.

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Annabel stood at the window of her corner home, and looked toward the shop across the way. As usual the plate glass window was irreproachably shining, the display of dainty stationary temptingly displayed, and as usual its young proprietor waited hopefully behind the glass doors for a possible customer. Would his patience never be exhausted? Annabel's violet eyes moistened in pity, at the wistful appeal of the brown eyes opposite.

Why in the world had this young man come with his delicate wares to a town where only the necessary was salable. Even at Christmas time Lyndenville indulged but in serviceable and plainly useful articles.

"Left wealthy by her father," the villagers would say. But Annabel's wealth was only sufficient for her modest needs and the keeping still of the home with old Mrs. White as housekeeper. Since Annabel had become a customer of the 'Shoppe,' its owner had greeted her with his frank smile, meeting occasionally in the post office. She fancied, with concern, that his face was growing thinner; could it be possible that the dearth of customers made economy of food a necessity?

Well, the girl wondered impatiently, why didn't he go back where he could find something better to do? Then, because the shadows were growing longer and she remembered that she had had no out-of-door exercise that day, Annabel got into her jaunty coat and becoming hat, and went for a walk. Near the hotel, where the auto-bus started upon its trips to the station, she saw her neighbor-across-the-way, hesitating, to examine some small coin in his hand.

"Ride down to the station with us, Miss Annabel," called the friendly driver, and with a second impulse she stepped inside. Not that the ride was a thing unusual. Many times her walks had been interrupted by the jovial invitation. The girl had known Ben, the driver, from her childhood.

From her rear seat in the car, she noted admiringly the broad shoulders of the young man in front. Ben included them both in his remarks. "Going to town?" he inquired.

"Well, not exactly," the shop-keeper replied. "Woman down beyond the station wants to see me about engraved invitations, thought I'd ride as far as you go, with you."

"Must be Mrs. Jake Smith," Ben soliloquized. "Daughter's goin' to be married soon. How are you goin' the rest of the way, it's quite a piece?"

Annabel found him waiting to assist her as she opened the auto door, as she bowed her head in thanks, the man's hand slipped into his pocket for Ben's fee, then something happened. In a moment the dime seemed to fly from his fingers to alight upon the car floor. Flushed and eager he bent to look for it, while the driver waited.

"Train's coming," Ben suggested impatiently.

The young man raised an embarrassed face. "Just a moment," he murmured still searching.

Annabel stood looking intently at the road, then she bent suddenly forward. "Why, here it is," she laughed, and held out to Ben a shining dime.

The man looked straight and long into her eyes. "I thank you," he said quietly, and Annabel with a strange stirring of the heart, went on her homeward way. Of course that had been his only dime, he must walk back!

It was late in the evening when the light in the stationery shop flared across the street; she wondered uneasily if he had been successful in his quest for the wedding invitations, and next morning in the most natural way he told her.

"I have recovered from my long walk," her neighbor announced cheerily, "though it was a useless errand after all." He sighed: "In fact, I've about decided that the whole business is useless, around here."

"It is," the girl agreed quickly, "if you'd try something else—"

"It does not matter now," he said, and held out his letter. "I've been called—to the colors."

"When?" the girl asked, something caught at her breath painfully.

"At once. As soon as I can get ready," again the radiance was upon his face.

"May I—" he asked abruptly, "come to see you before I go?"

She was in the window when he came, looking at the bare little shop across the way.

"I wanted you to know," he began, "how much I appreciated your—interest, your helpfulness. Sometimes it cheered me on past sheer failure. You thought I didn't realize that your big purpose was charity pure and simple. And last night when you gave that dime to Ben—"

"Gave—it?" whispered Annabel.

The man smiled. "Yes," he said gently, "when you handed it over I had just found my own last dime upon the car floor."

A flush rose to the girl's soft hair. "It was such a little thing to do," she murmured.

Very boldly, but very tenderly, the man took her hands in his own. "I can be a better soldier," he said, "a braver soldier over there, if you will still keep cheering me on. And, if I come back—"

"You will come back" cried Annabel, and her eyes shone with promise.

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Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

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MINISTER'S CHUM

By VINCENT G. PERRY.

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It was just another of Effie's disappointments, but it seemed harder than the rest. She had built so much on the success of her first attempt at directing an amateur theatrical production and now she was faced with failure. It was the night of the second rehearsal—so wretched an affair that she was sure she would have to give up.

She was roused from her thoughts by the sound of the outer door opening. A man stood in the doorway.

"Am I late for the rehearsal, Miss McIntosh?" he asked as he stepped inside. It was Mr. Sterling, the minister's college chum, who was spending a few weeks at the rectory.

"I am sorry, it is all over. You promised to come and see that things got along all right, Mr. Sterling."

"Did they?"

"I hoped it would be better." She said.

"That is too bad," he consoled. "How would it be if I helped you in earnest. I had a little experience in amateur theatricals when I went to college."

"Why didn't I think of it before?" she exclaimed. "Will you play the leading part?"

"I'll have to hear the play before I consent—suppose you read it to me now."

They found a seat close to the stage and Effie commenced reading. His eyes never left her face for an instant but she was so engrossed in the lines that she did not notice him. After an hour of steady reading Effie closed the book. Sterling watched her closely for a moment and then exclaimed earnestly, "Gad, young lady, you have talent!"

"Thank you," Effie laughed. "Will you play the part of Randolph?"

"I don't like the play," he announced. "I have a copy of a much finer one in my trunk. If you will change to it I will be glad to take the leading role and there is a splendid part in it for you—a part to fit your talent more than the one in this play."

The play was better than Effie had imagined a play could be. The part just suited her but she feared she could not do it justice. Sterling brushed the fears aside and a week later rehearsals were well on the way for the new play.

As the date set for the performance drew near, Effie's confidence grew. It was going to be a big success, there was little doubt of that. Mr. Sterling had worked untiringly with her and the others to make life and energy appear in the lines. She knew his criticisms were given just where they were needed and it helped her to make her part what she knew it should be. He went through his own part like a professional. If a man with talent like he had couldn't find a place on the stage what hope was there for her, Effie often wondered.

The all-important night arrived. Effie's preparations made her arrival late. When she entered at the rear door and emerged on the stage she was greeted with a big surprise. The stage was set with bright new scenery and two stage carpenters were putting on the finishing touches. Mr. Sterling was responsible for it all, she knew, and hastened to find him, but he seemed to be evading her and she had to give up to dress for the first act.

The curtain went up on a full house. Effie had time to see that before she was lost in her part. The man who was acting beside her was not the Mr. Sterling with whom she had rehearsed; he was the character of the play. His acting was wonderful; she realized that and it spurred her to greater effort. The applause that resounded through the hall at the conclusion of the act told her her efforts were appreciated and the play was a success. Curtain call after curtain call Sterling and she had to respond to.

After it was all over and Effie had partly awakened from the spell it had cast over her, she sought out Sterling. He did not evade her this time.

He did not give her a chance to speak. "You did wonderfully, little girl. That last scene was one of the prettiest pieces of work I have ever seen. It made me wish I was making love to you in real earnest," he said.

"Isn't that strange—your acting affected me in the same way," she blushed. "You were so wonderful—so like a real actor."

"Then you wouldn't mind my making love to you—asking you to marry me in real earnest?" he asked, taking her hand.

"Oh, but you wouldn't—you are not in earnest," she stammered.

"I was never more in earnest in my life. I love you and I want you to go back to New York with me as my wife and open the season with me in the part you played tonight."

"New York—open the season? Then you are a real actor—you are Frederick Sterling, the famous star? Oh, why didn't you tell me before?"

"Because you never asked me, dear. I thought you would like me just as Fred Sterling, the minister's college chum. Are you not angry?"

"No, not a bit. I am glad you did not tell me for I would never have dared to learn to love Frederick Sterling and I have, Fred," she [illegible]

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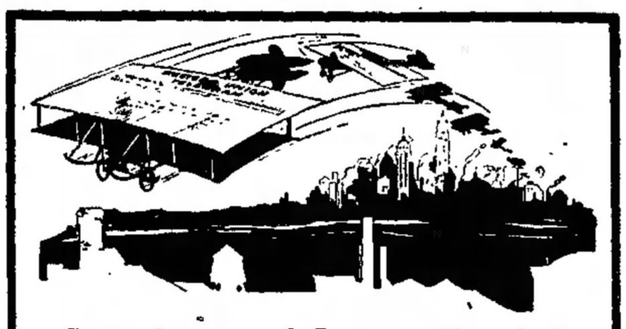

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It is admitted by the German papers that the Americans will have six regiments of troops and three aeroplanes in France by next Christmas.

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Although the meat packers claim they have a hard time to meet the expenses of business, no one has started a tag day to relieve their necessities.

LOCAL NOTES

—Miss Helen Pierce spent the day in Pittsburgh.

—Miss Mary Sherran is a Pittsburgh shopper today.

—Miss Ethel Adams is a Pittsburgh shopper today.

—B. Dawson is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

—Miss Blanche Smith visited friends in California Sunday.

—Adam Eichler visited with friends in McKeesport yesterday.

—Miss Pearl Phillips spent the week end with friends in Pittsburgh,

—Frank Bowson has returned from a business trip to Youngstown.

—Little Alberta Bates of Sixth street is confined at home with measles.

—The Lady Elks will hold a social at the Elks Temple Wednesday afternoon.

—Forest Kerns of Sixth street, is able to be out after a severe attack of measles.

—Miss Amelda Ankney and Edythe Albrecht visited with friends in Charleroi Sunday.

—Miss Lillian Beery, teacher of piano, 402 McKee avenue. Phone 673-J. 24-6tp

—Miss Tressa Hoffman has returned from New Kensington after a visit with friends.

—Mrs. Ada Johnston is confined to her home on Donner avenue on account of illness.

—Mrs. C. V. Hagerty and Miss Gertrude Hagerty visited friends in Belle Vernon yesterday.

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—Miss Estelle Dinsmore has returned to her home in Bentleyville after a visit with friends in Monessen.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Weidenkoff of Pittsburgh, visited Sunday at the home of J. F. Soles.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Mancha of Bentleyville are visiting at the home of C. V. Hagerty of Sixth street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strickler and Miss Pearl Strickler visited friends in Monongahela yesterday.

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—Mrs. Elizabeth Myers and Mrs. Sam Ross and daughter Anna spent yesterday with relatives in Belle Vernon.

—Miss Elizabeth Skirpan left Saturday for Chicago. She was accompanied to Pittsburgh by Miss Helen Boag.

—Misses Ethel and Marie Flick and Miss Agnes Gardell are in Braddock today attending the funeral of Robert Young.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller are in East Millsboro today attending the funeral of the former's father, Robert M. Miller of that place.

—Mike Davalo of the League Island navy yards, has returned after a short furlough spent with friends and relatives in Monessen.

—Jean Louise, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crouse, died Sunday and was buried this afternoon at 2:30 in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

—Graydon "Chick" Horn returned this morning to the U. S. Marine Corps at Quatico, Va., after a short furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Horn of Ninth street.

—Geraldine Farrar, the famous prima donna in the massive and spectacular production "The Woman God Forgot," adapted from "Joan, the Woman" at the Star Tuesday. 23-3t

—Misses Marie Bumer, Mary Alexander, Marion Hiskey, Leonard Morgan, Wayne Miller and Christopher Albrecht motored to Elizabeth yesterday where they spent the day.

—Dr. D. C. Farquhar returned last evening to Rockford, Ill., after a short furlough spent here with his family. The doctor expects to be transfered to Honolulu within a short time.

—Miss Mary McMullen left this morning for Cleveland, where she will attend a showing of new spring styles in millinery. She will also buy the latest styles while in that city for her spring opening.

—"Mainspring" Springer, formerly of the Hamilton Watch factory, and later the official watch inspector of the P. & L. E. and Western Maryland railroads, has taken charge of the watch repair department at Brown's jewelry store.

NEW LAW MAKES USE OF CONVICTS

A new law known as the Convict Labor Bill, drafted a few days ago, has been reported favorably to the House by the Labor committee. Its provisions would allow 120,000 convicts of state and Federal prisons to perform war and government work. Under the bill's terms the inmates ... prisons may work in a manner so ...

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Uncle Sam wants to have his telephone system in France operated by the most efficient operators in the world and that means by American young women. The Signal Corps has asked the telephone companies in the United States to secure these "switchboard soldiers" for them.

Just because you are or have been a telephone operator, don't think that you, therefore, can easily secure a position in this expeditionary operating force The first and fixed requirement is an ability to speak and read both French and English fluently and be able to understand readily French spoken over the telephone line. The American telephone system in France not only links General Pershing's headquarters with various points of military importance, but it also connects directly with the French Government telephone system, and so, unless your French is very, very good, do not consider yourself a qualified applicant.

Knowledge of switchboard operation is also necessary, but if you do not have this knowledge and if all the operators needed are not obtained from those already having experience, you may be accepted without previous experience and given the necessary training by some telephone company.

There are already a number of women in training for this force—several in our own territory. They are given special training at local, toll and private branch exchange work and spend a certain time at a cantonment office to become skillful with certain features of military operating.

Therefore, if you can handle the French language as well as you do the English and are dependable, resourceful, and able, if necessary to "go it on your own"—as the soldiers say when the tide of battle compells prompt, individual action to meet a serious situation—then by all means apply.

Nearly a hundred young women have already been selected and, judging from them, this unit will meet all those requirements and be one of the most democratic and truly representative forces sent abroad. Its personnel is being selected from applicants from all parts of the country, who, as fast as they are selected, are given such training either in their home town or city, or at some training center to which they are sent for final preparation and from which they will be ordered to a port of embarkation for outfitting as different groups become ready to sail.

Every member of the organization must wear a standard uniform that has been specified by the War College. This uniform must be worn at all times and civilian clothing cannot be worn and will be of no use to these young women soldiers "over there." The different ranks will be distinguished by different insignia on the white brassard worn on the left arm. Operators will wear a white brassard with a black telephone wreath underneath the transmitter. The brassards of the chief operators will have the two symbols mentioned surmounted by the gilt lightning bolts used as insignia by the Signal Corps.

In every respect these young women will be soldiers coming under military restrictions at all times. The pay will be $60.00 a month for operators, with corresponding rates for supervisors and for chief operators, in addition to which allowances will be made for rations and quarters when these things are not provided by the army.

The Signal Corps Authorities point out that this operating force is not going on a pleasure trip or "joy ride" and that no evening dresses need be taken and that special opportunities are not at all included in the program. It will be a war task of the nature and size that always appeals strongly to American womanhood and, for handling it, the Signal Corps wants level-headed young women who are resourceful, able to exercise good judgment in emergencies, and willing to work hard and even endure hardships, if necessary. At the same time it is pointed out that all indications are that everything possible will be done to insure the comfort and well-being of these young women in the service.

Application blanks can be obtained from the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, Room 526, Mills Building Armor, Washington, D. C., who makes the appointments to this force. As far as the Bell System is concerned locally, Mr F. T. Ewing, District Traffic Superintendent, 1230 Arch street, Philadelphia, has the matter in charge.

Love's Sacrifice

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Being the elder son of the family, Percival Allen, after idly wandering about the country for a year, returned home to find his father absent, and at once assumed the charge of affairs, with due pride and dignity.

John Allen, the head of the family, was a contractor, and had not been home for over six months. He had a large contract for the construction of a dam in Minnesota, which would mean his permanent enrichment if he carried it through. At an important stage of the work, however, the temporary dam broke away, causing him tremendous loss, and Mrs. Allen was aware that her husband was now struggling against fearful odds to secure the capital to continue his work and finish it by the time agreed upon.

Percival Allen did not know this, and had he done so it would have made little impression upon his shallow mind. John Allen was a generous provider for his family, they lived well; he always looked first to their welfare. He had a pride in concealing his financial affairs from his townsmen, and Percival found money in the bank, household bills provided for, and proceeded to manage affairs as though there was an unfailing source of revenue to draw from. He was meddlesome, dictatorial, and to the limit exercised his assumption of brief authority. In a week he had his indulgent mother anxious, his sister Barbara troubled and the servants by the ears.

"I wish you would not tease Barbara about Nellis Wayne," his mother said to him one day.

"Oh, Wayne will do!" responded Percival in his lordly way. "I understand his old man is about ready to pass in his checks and will leave Nellis a big fortune. Oh, yes, Wayne will do."

"Then don't interfere or comment. Barbara is very sensitive, and is by no means as yet engaged to Mr. Wayne, and she resents any allusion to her association with him."

"Just tell her that I approve the match, and to hook Wayne before some one else gets the prize," observed Percival coarsely.

Nellis Wayne was a most estimable young man, and had been paying attention to Barbara for nearly a year past.

The father of Nellis Wayne died, and he was the sole heir to the estate. The family lawyer called Nellis into his office a week later.

"Nellis," he said, "I was instructed to make a disclosure to you by your father, in the event of his death. He was, as you know, a close friend of John Allen. During the past year he advanced fifty thousand dollars to Allen to try and save his contract. In return, Allen made over to him as security all his property. Outside of his notes, your father's estate comprises only a few hundred dollars in cash and the little hardware store he hires a man to operate."

"Then if Allen fails and we take his property away from him, he and his family are beggars?"

"That's about it," the lawyer answered.

"It shall never be!" declared Nellis Wayne, and the day he received the Allen notes he burned them up. Their former existence was a secret, so far as the public was concerned. Nellis thought of Barbara, was glad of his sacrifice and started in life all over again at the little hardware store.

Percival Allen heard of this, ordered Barbara to cut the acquaintance of Nellis, and wrote a letter to the latter, informing him that his calls at the Allen home would be no longer agreeable to the family.

"Run after him, and let the people chuckle over your chasing down a man who has never spoken a word of love to you!" he subdued poor Barbara by sneering.

One day John Allen was brought home by train in a raging fever. His partner sent word that Allen had collapsed from hard work and anxiety, but assured Mrs. Allen that the contract would be finished in time. Barbara nursed her father. She was terrified when, in his ravings, he revealed the fact that he had borrowed fifty thousand dollars from the father of Nellis Wayne. She went at once to the hardware store.

"Mr. Wayne," she said clearly, "I have come to tell you of a discovery I have made. My father owes you a large sum of money. Why were we not advised of the fact?"

"Because I have canceled the debt by burning up your father's notes," replied Nellis.

"You did that!" cried Barbara. "Could I see the family of the woman I loved beggared?" spoke Nellis in a rare excess of emotion.

"Then you did it because—"

"Because I loved you. Oh, Barbara, is there any hope?"

She placed her hand in his. "Ask me that when your noble sacrifice is atoned for," she said simply.

At the end of that week there came the glad news that the contract was finished ahead of time. John Allen sent for Nellis, for there was enough now to repay him the fifty thousand dollars, besides further enriching Mr. Allen.

"Is there any hope?" asked Nellis of Barbara, after that.

"There was hope all along!" whispered Barbara, placing both of her ... in his own this time.

For ... of the ... value ... that the rigors of warfare ... are too much for her delicate China ... man has written to United ... headquarters at ... asking that the young man ... urged. ... too weak and delicate to be ... service," she wrote. "He is a ... 's helper by trade, and I ... refer him to stay at his last ... receive ... the matter was informed that, for ... cents, ... her son must remain a ...

BAN ON OLIVE OIL EXPORTS

Royal Order Calls Halt on Shipments Except Essentials, From Spain to United States.

Olive oil exports from Spain, of which large quantities formerly were shipped both directly and via France and Italy to the United States and other foreign markets, from Barcelona and Seville, are prohibited by a recent royal order, states commerce reports. In southern Spain and in the region of Catalonia, the olive oil industry has been an important source of revenue to the growers who export to foreign refineries, whence the oil was often shipped to the United States, as of really non-Spanish production. Recently the direct exports of the commodity from Spain to the United States have increased considerably with the development of the American taste for the oil produced in Spain.

There is no embargo on exports of essential oils such as pennyroyal, rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender, the Spanish production of which is largely destined for foreign markets, and shipment of which is made direct from Spain to the United States, France, and elsewhere. These oils are produced especially in the regions of Murcia and Malaga, where many medicat herbs are grown for domestic consumption and export. As comparatively little use is made in Spain of several oils derived from the plants mentioned and other oil-producing herbs, the local market is limited; but the industry may be developed indefinitely in view of the favorable climatic conditions of those sections of Spain where the plants flourish. In 1916 the declared exports of essential oils from Malaga to the United States were valued at $176,164; those from Almeria, at $21,920; and those from Barcelona, at $13,220.

USE GLASS FOR FALSE HAIR

Material Also Converted Into Cotton and Wool and Pressed Into Sheets or Pads.

In Venice they are spinning glass for commercial uses, converting it into glass cotton and glass wool pressed into sheets or pads says the Popular Science Monthly. Although the principal use of the product at present is for insulation, we have heard the word of the Italian makers, that it serves admirably for making artificial hair, wigs, perukes, doll's hair, Santa Claus beards and other hirsute adornments.

The processes of manufacture are simple. Solid glass rods, made of pure American soda that contains no adulteration of lead or other metal, are worked into fluff under a Bunsen burner and blowpipe. A bicycle wheel, minus the tire, winds up the threads. If the threads are sufficiently fine they curl and fluff out like wool.

The product is now marketed in three forms—glass cotton, glass wool, and in sheets about one-half inch thick which resemble white felt pads. In the last form mentioned it may be used to make separators for accumulators of electricity.

Glad of the Accident.

A bachelor was recently traveling in a tramcar with a married couple of his acquaintance. It was a rainy morning. The young wife had her umbrella well out of the way of those who passed down the car, but an awkward boy on his way to the door managed to fall over it and break it.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," stammered the lad.

"Never mind; I'm sure it wasn't your fault," and the lady smiled at him without a trace of anger or even irritation on her face.

"Well, I must say your wife is an angel!" exclaimed the bachelor, warmly. "Most women would have withered that clumsy fellow with a look, if they hadn't scorched him with words."

"An angel, is she?" said the married man, as he picked up the broken umbrella and smiled quizzically at his wife. "She may be—but she's wanted a new umbrella for a month, and now she knows I'll have to get it!"

Trade Preparedness in Chile.

By proclamation the president of Chile has appointed a committee which will investigate and report on the commercial and industrial relation of Chile with the rest of the world, especially in so far as these have been affected by the European war. The following is quoted from the proclamation:

There is herewith appointed a committee which shall investigate the situation in which the industries and commerce of Chile will probably find themselves upon the re-establishment of peace, and of competition between the products of national industry and those imported from abroad, and to recommend to the government such measures as the commission may deem advisable for the purpose of protecting these in their present advanced condition and to encourage their further development.

Set His Standard High.

One big trouble in this world is that we do not set our standards high enough. We content ourselves with little performances, and do not pick our critic with care. We suit ourselves.

All this cannot be said about a certain little boy in this town, who got a big blackboard and plenty of crayon for Christmas. Whatever the ability of that embryo artist may be, certain ly his ambition is boundless.

He went to Sunday school, and while there was much impressed, as usual, with the pictures of Biblical characters shown him.

That afternoon he stood before his new blackboard and meditated deep and long.

Then he turned to his mother and said:

"I'm going to draw a picture that will surprise God."—Washington Star.

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JEWISH FEAST OF PURIM

The Jewish feast of Purim, one of the minor festivals in the religious calendar, will be celebrated this year tomorrow, Feb. 26. Purim according to the scriptural book of Esther, wherein the tale is narrated, means "lots," lots having been cast before Haman, vizier of Persia, for the purpose of determining the day most auspacious for the consummation of his plan of exterminating all the Jews dwelling in the land. But the day was fatal only to Haman's plans and to Haman himself, for through a chain of remarkable happenings, the Jews were delivered from their imminent peril and the doom he had decreed for them fell on their enemy himself. From that year to the present one, Jews all over the world have celebrated the anniversary of the day on which the wondrous deliverance had occurred.

Strange to say, Purim is hardly a religious feast. Religious features added in comparatively recent times only accentuate the essentially secular character of the day. Being in the nature of a thanksgiving festival, an expression of a people's gratitude for their ancestors' providential redemption from an awful death of "feasting and gladness, and of sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor." In the mediaeval ghettos it was celebrated with all manner of merry-making, while in modern times it has come to be one of the days to which the children of the Jewish religious schools most eagerly look forward.

A special synagogue service is held on the even of Purim, at which the principal feature is the reading of the Book of Esther, from a parchment scroll. In addition, there are a few special prayers and hymns of more recent date which have been inspired by the recollection of the woes and hardships endured by the martyr race from the days of Hamann down to brighter times. There have been many Hamans in all ages who have conspired the degredation or extermination of the Jews, but like their Persian prototype, their plots have recoiled on their own heads. And so the Jew looks forward to the day when Hamans shall rise no more, the spectre of religious and racial hatred will be laid, and an era of tolerance and love dawn for all the world.

HOME WITH BODY OF DEAD SOLDIER BOY

—Joseph Cassidy, a Camp Gordon soldier, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Remaley, of 100 E. Schoonmaker avenue. Mr. Cassidy accompanied the remains of Samuel Walters, who died at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., Sunday afternoon of pneumonia, and was buried in Pittsburgh Wednesday with full military honors. Deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Remaley and Mr. Cassidy. He is survived by his wife. Mr. Cassidy will return early in the week to camp.

Wednesday at the Olympic Harold Lockwood in "The Avenging Trail"

Dog Licenses Can be Gotten

Regarding the licensing of ... Justices A. N. Shuster and ... White have received the follow... structions from the county tr... er's office:

Greensburg

Justice of the Peace:

Dear Sir: We are returning with your tags and would ask ... continue selling the same.

Very respectfull

A. D Mi...

County Trea...

The above is interesting inf... tion for many Monessen peop... only a few days ago the county ... urer called in all dog license throughout the county, stating ... be illegal to sell dog licenses ... Feb. 18, except the animal ... months old, or coming into the ... from another state. It will be ... that this order has been reverse... any person not having paid th... cense can do so now to Justice ... or Shuster.

Want Colum...

WANTED—Washing to do ... take clothes home. Mrs. S... phone 241-J.

TO LET—2 rooms for light ... keeping, American couple; 115 S... maker avenue.

FOR RENT—Rooms for ... housekeeping at 511 Donner ... ue.

WANTED—Washing to take ... any day; phone 241-M.

WANTED—Two furnished ... by family with one child. Addr... Manges, 507 Donner avenue

LOST—Leather pocketbook ... taining sum of money and pape... the Croation hall, Friday ev... Finder will receive reward if ret... to this office.

—WANTED—Your watch to r... Prices reasonable, prompt r... guaranteed. "Mainspring" Spr... at Brown's Jewelry store.

WANTED—Three unfurn... rooms for light housekeeping on... fore March 1st. Address D. B. ... Daily Independent.

WANTED—Two unfurn... rooms for light housekeeping. ... dress I, care Independent.

FOR SALE—Slightly used ... value $375. Will be sold for ... Apply W. S. Robins.

LOST—You lose if you do not ... your watch repaired by "Mainsp... Springer at Brown's Je... store.

WANTED—Kitchen girl; ap... person, Johnson's Cafe.

WANTED—5 or 6 roomed ... with bath with or without ga... call 29-R, Belle Vernon.

WANTED—Woman to do f... washing; call at 362 Second str... phone 197-J.

WANTED—Repair work—Br... Jewelry store.

WANTED—Laundress... appl... Sheetz hotel.

WILL TRADE—Player piano ... style or wood you may want fo... tomobile (used or new.) Ad... W. H. C. Daily Independent.

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